FOOTBALL FANATICS GATHER AT RUSSWOOD PARK

PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL WILL BE HEARD FROM

Grid Game Increasing in Popularity Among the Pros. Ohio Still Ranks as Stronghold of the Game.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-Professional otball is slowly but surely coming

Each succeeding season secs the "pro" grid game increasing in popularity and many followers of sports now believe that it will be only a matter of time until a professional football league will be in operation.

The professional game has been played for many years by scattered teams. With a few exceptions these elevens. Or "Clubs," have made a big success of the game financially. And as football grows in popularity, the chance for the professional game to flourish will grow in proportion.

Ohio is the stronghold of the "pro"

ney in it for the stars, and there is always be pienty of good players tilable as long as the colleges keen turning out highly experienced men to have wound up their collegiate days if who may still be tempted to play the love of the game as well as for "velvet" there is in it.

A professional football league backed big league baseball magnates has sen been talked of. The idea has ver taken root for various reasons, it it is a possibility, and that in the router.

Attract Big Crowds.

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Monster crowds turn out in cities like Canton, Massilion and even smaller cities to root for the home-town teams against invaders from rival cities to no nearby states. A team made up of otars such as the Canton and Massilion teams, the team which represented Hammond, Ind., the strong Rock Island, Ill., eleven and cities in Cleveland and many other cities of greater size, is always sure of attracting attention, not only local, but wherever football is popular. And the grid game has become popularly contagious in practically every state in the Union.

Charles A. Stoneham, president of the Glants, is thinking seriously of getting a strong profesisonal team together in New York next season and oringing the best profesisonal clubs in the country here to play at the Pologrounds. New York, as is the case with many large cities, has no big university eleven of the first caliber to toot for. But New York is wild about football. A profesisonal team here would make a barrel of money.

Suppose Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Defroit or Cincinnati should be suddenly stung by the professional football bug and a league formed. Do you think it would lose money? This has been the question that has always stood in the way of the formation of a professional league, together with the doubt that the game could be exploited successfully on a professional basis.

Opportunity Knocks.

But the success of the Canton team and many others in even smaller cities which pay surprisingly large salaries to players, has set men like Stoneham to thinking. The major league parks stand empty and gloomy for the most part during the football season. Opportunity to make a big and popular game out of professional football is knocking for attention. Some of these days the door will be opened wide.

Thorpe's great team, with the Indian

Thorpe's great team, with the Indian meelf as the outstanding star, vas omnosed of Chamberlin, Nebraska; owe, Fordham; Buck, Wisconsin; lowe, Fordham: Buck, Wisconsin; Flerrer, Michigan; Feeney, Notre Dame; Spears, Teartmouth: Corcoran, Georgetown; Griggs, Texas; Calac, West Virginia Wesleyan; Guyan, Georgia Tech, and other players of wide reputation who made their marks on the gridforn during the collegiate days. Such a team would draw monster crowds in every city of size, and six or eight teams of equally brilliant caliber could easily be recruited.

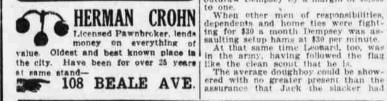
Of course it would be necessary to take means to prevent one or two clubs from cornering too many of the outstanding stars, and a professional club playing league football would need more players than the average club of today carries. But this could be worked out in a satisfactory manner. It would have to be so before a football league could be successfully operated.

WISH JACK LUCK.

American league baseball fans are wishing Jack Coombs the best of luck as ceach for the Tiger pitchers. Jack was one of the greatest pitchers ever developed in the big leagues. With Detroit he should go well. Dauss, Boland, Ehmke, Love and Leonard should learn nuch from Coombs, who is master of the art.

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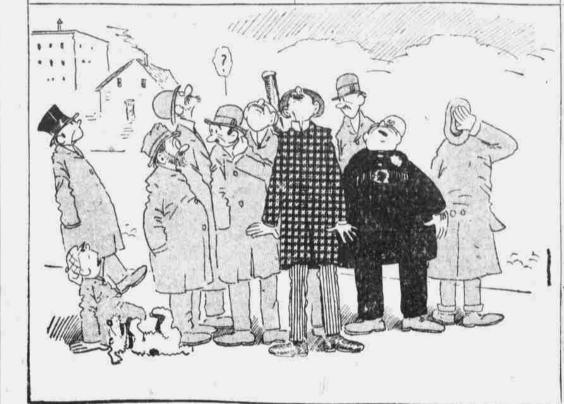


It's Easier to Draw a Crowd Than Swallow a Pill-By Tad











Attabou! By Coyle Shea

CHRISTMAS QUERY.

You may sell overcoats where they're not being worn And figure the game is fun;

You may gather the dope from the end of a rope And shove it to press on the run. You even may bag all the kale you desire

When others are driven to beg-

But show me the way to make eggnog today

When there's not any nog for the egg. Oh, many have sold an abundance of stock

In a well that has yet to be found. And suckers galore, with a scream and a roar. Have taken it all on the bound. I've heard of a bank that was shy of the dough,

Though floating as well as a log: But show me the guy with the light in his eye From a drink that is lacking the nog.

been barred forever from open compo-

Where honest patriots pay their bard

LUCK IN SPORTS

And so down through the ages Luck has batted over 300, and his dark consin, Hard Luck has hit close to 1,000 Old H. L. is the hardest hitter that ever woke up on this planet, and he has never taken a nap since.

In all forms of Sporting Art Luck will ever play its part!

Oregon Works In

Secret For Game With Easterners

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 25.—The Oregon University football squad continued today its secret practice in preparation for the game here New Year's day with Harvard. So careful was the Oregon coach that his plays will not be known that he stationed sentrice along the top of the grandstand and at the entrances to the park.

Gossip around the training quarters indicated that the squad was divided into two teams, one using Harvard's reported defensive and offensive plays, and the other the Gregory plays, which are expected to down those of the Crimson squad.

XMAS PRESENTS.

The Golfer—A new alibi.
Tom Watkins—One manager, Class A
spe and habits. type and habits.

Jack Dempsey—The world, plus something else.

CASEY REVISED.

And when the reindeer and the sleigh Crashed down upon the flate Not a youngster in the house could doubt "Twas Santa Claus at bot.

PERPETUAL MOTION. Last year it was: "When are we go-home?" and this year it's: "When we move from here?"

LEONARD VS. DEMPSEY. Benny Leonard may not be as out landish in his demands as is a certain other champion of khaki dodging dispositions but when the sprig of myrtle is being passed around Benny will outdraw Dempsey by a margin of 18,000

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MAIN AND MONROE. TAILORING.

The All-Star collegians and the All-Memphians, two picked bootball elevens, are tearing at each other's throats Xmas afternoon at Russwood park for the entertainment of fandom

the collegians, and Zach Curlin, former Vandy quarter and 1910 coach of Vocational school, is at the below of the

prep stars.

Judging from the amount of gossin circulated within the past 10 days the hattle is attracting the attention of more fans than has any other contest of a similar, nature in years.

The main question be built around the shiftly of young but promising athletes to hold their own with older and more experienced stars. The Menuhis array is picked from the best of the local elevens and the collegians represent the crack machines of Dixle universities.

All Well Known.

Butt, Duys Ive por 25.—II. D. (Curly) Brown, meadent of the Cuban Services as suburb of Havana, arrested in connection with the shosting of Alberto Picelra, som in law of the Cuban services reserved here from Havana.

The shooting tool place by Brown's office at the rise track during the ringing of the fifth event Dec 16. Fiedra beld the noles Brown had shot him, Brown said it was an accident. There

Where honest patriots pay their bard carned money for entertainment Jack Dempsey should never be around.

There seems to be no reason why United States fans should worry over the site of the Carpentier-Dempsey attraction. They should feel tickled that it is French kale and not their own that is being raked in by the world's most famous financier.

When a self-styled fighting man passed up the chance for a real battle with something beyond money at take he blackened his reputation with a sting and a curse that never can be officed.

Jack Dempsey may rank as the clampton heavyweight of the world, but he will never be held as the champton fighting man of the globe. All Well Known.

Every one of the Memphis boys received mention this season for the fine work displayed in the weekly games. Rabid fine even proclaimed them to be the equal of any star field produced in Memphis. One of the main boosters was Zach Curlin, and his incessant chattering led to the challenge by Hayon behalf of the collegians.

At this late juncture it is worse than useless to again atir up the done on what should occur. It is sufficient to state that they are hard at work by now—taking pot shots at each other's crowns.

The lineup, as announced, follows:
ALL-MEMPHIS. COLLEGIANS
Fergusen Lathau Creson. Fullback. McCabe
Wilson Hale
Gibbons Left halfback. Streuting Gibbons Left halfback Russell Wison.

Quarterback Events.

LUCK IN SPORTS

How many articles have been written on the subject of Luck? How many have speculated on the part it plays in the sporting world? How much of baseball is Luck? How much of baseball is Luck. Hight halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck with Melalus. Hight halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Luck. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hussell Wison. High halfback. Hu

Chance.

Like any peppery player.

When once he fell, he railled well
And proved he was a stayer.

But all in vain he made the break.

Some other player wouldn't.

For every chance said Vance would take
Was just the chance he shouldn't.

Young Halfback Blake would also take

Frank Hays, the former Vandy endo Cubans Release

Curly Brown On Bail, Says Report



A chance as quick as any:

No chance against lim seemed to break—
And he had laken many.

Whatever risky play he tried—
And he tried a lot, all good—
The chance turned out to help his nide.
As all good chances should.

Dame Fortune is a shifty jade.
With each and every blessing:
However well our game is played.
Some see their hopes diminshed.
We took a chalce at weiting this.
And now we're glad it's finished—
—Willam F. Kirk.

WINTER WHEEZES.
Said a gallant young shortatop named Stroky.

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Winter is coming along
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COLLEGIANS MEET MEMPHIS STARS Two Picked Elevens Playing at Busswood Park Young Athletes Pitted Against Old and Experienced Players for By Bob Pigue

The Sporting Spotlight wishes to extend readers and friends a hearty wish for a merry Christmas and a most pleasant and happy

Vincent Dailey and Cary Miller Both Meet Violent Ends.

Fronths of two ball players known to:

Y., on Nov. 11, from injuries received Railroad company. He had been em-ployed by the railroad for a number of years in Hornell, that being his home

years in Hornell, that being his home town.

Dailey had played bail from coast to coast and at one time was with the old threath and at one time was with the old threath and attended players like Zimmer, McKean, cleorge Davis and others. He joined, the Cleveland team about 1896 having come from talifornia, where he played in the calcium team with George Stallings and Charley Dooley, both destined to later fame. In the minors he played to later fame, in the minors he played to later fame, in the minors he played to later fame, and lefty Knauss. As an independent hall player in his home town of Hornell and at Corning, N. Y. his associates of the period were Friedder Jones Jack Barry, Jack Form, Bad Rill Eargan, Victor Willis, Noodles Hatmand Georgetown Mahoney, all players who later become well known. Dalley was an outfielder, known for his speed and fee his hitting ability when he was in his princ as a player.

The other death was that of Cary R. Affiner's suicide was due to financial troubles. As a government official in Swerken be hever lost his interest in buseball and he organized teams in Stockholm and taught the game to many young Swedes. He was 56 years

Mon Dieu! Frenchman Stops Another Champ Of Dear Old England PARIS, Dec 25 (Hayas) Depon-

thicu, the featherweight champion of Europe, knocked out the British chamden, Tancy Lee, in the seventeenth

POLO SEASON STARTS.

The pole season is already under way former generation of fans were rec- in California. An invitation tourner going on at San Mateo and Hurlingame, with the Del Monte players participating in a series of games. The teams will return to bel Monte and practice for the games which the regular season, starting in Pebruary, at Del Monte, will draw from the east. Canada, Honelulu, Mexico, and perhaps England. severed the period from 1885, to 1895, participating in a series of games. The participating in a series of games and

Nippon Student Writes in Quaint Style of Popular Pastimes—Skating Seems

To Be Very Popular.

This is only one part of our activi-

Skating Is Popular.

Skating is also very popular. Lake wa (nine hours' trip from Tokio); nich lies in the northwest from To-; and whose circumference is 10 miles,

Other Winter Sports,

RUTH TURNS BACK CONTRACT TO BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Definite an-ouncement that Babe Ruth had turned ack his contract to the Boston Ameri-in baseball club and had demanded a slary or \$25,000 was made here last ight by John kove, business manager of the home run record holders upon ar-ling from the Pacific coast. The con-act, which was made last year for a upon year legiod, provided for a salary f \$10,000.

In submitting his new demands, Igoo added, Ruth said he would not play major league ball except with the Red Sox and would not cousent to be traded. Buth is an the Pacific coast at present, Igoo denied reports that Ruth was contemplating entering the ring.

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The ash of rose at sunrise to sundown's ice-blue

With the clasp that means "God bless you"-and the eye that levels true,

To the call-"Good hunting, Brother"-and its echo -"Same to you!"

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